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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE ADVANCE DELEGATION TO UN

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1. ON JULY 5 WE ISSUED G-3 VISAS TO THE ADVANCE TEAM OF THE VIETNAMESE PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS: PHAM NGAC, PHAN HOA VAN AND THIEU MINH HUNG. (REFTTEL). NGAC, WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO AMERICANS AS ONE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS AT THE PARIS TALKS, WAS A MEMBER OF THE MISSION LAST YEAR. THE OTHER TWO HAVE DRV SERVICE PASSPORTS AND HAVE APPARENTLY NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN TO THE US. THEY WILL DEPART PARIS JULY 6 VIA AIR FRANCE 077 ARRIVING IN NEW YORK AT 1515.

2. THE HEAD OF THE MISSION WILL EVENTUALLY BE DINH BA THI, WHO WAS PRG REPRESENTATIVE LAST YEAR, AND THE SECOND RANKING DIPLOMAT WILL BE PHAM DUONG. THI AND DUONG WILL ARRIVE IN PARIS JULY 7 OR 8 AND EXPECT TO GET VISAS AND TO PROCEED TO THE US SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

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3. DINH BA THI WILL BE USING HIS OLD PRG PASSPORT, THE

OTHERS ALL ARE USING OLD DRV DOCUMENTATION. NGAC SAID THAT THE MISSION WAS DECIDED ON SO SUDDENLY THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO GET NEW PASSPORTS, AND IN ANY CASE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM PASSPORTS ARE NOT YET PREPARED.

4. THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY SENT OVER ITS NOTE (DATED JULY 2) ON ITS OLD DRV LETTERHEAD AND IN THE TEXT ALSO REFERRED TO THE DRV EMBASSY. THE NOTE THEREFORE ANTEDATES THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON JULY 3. NGAC SAID THAT TRINH, WHO WAS CONFIRMED AS SRV FOREIGN MINISTER, WOULD PROBABLY SEND A FORMAL NOTE ABOUT JULY 6 TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES WITH RELATIONS WITH THE DRV AND/OR PRG AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. NGAC SAID THE MFA THOUGHT THAT FEW IF ANY COUNTRIES OR ORGANIZATIONS WOULD WISH ANY SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR NEW RECOGNITION SINCE NO ONE HAS FORMALLY CONTESTED THE PRINCIPLE IN THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS THAT VIETNAM IS ONE COUNTRY, ONLY PROVISIONALLY DIVIDED BY THE DMZ.

5. NGAC HAS BEEN IN HANOI STEADILY SINCE HE RETURNED TO VIETNAM FROM NEW YORK EXCEPT FOR A WEEK IN SAIGON. HE LEFT HANOI JUNE 28 AND STOPPED OFF A FEW DAYS IN MOSCOW AND PRAGUE. NGAC SAID THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY BE A MEMBER OF A PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UN IF VIETNAM IS ADMITTED; HE PROBED ABOUT US INTENTIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF THE VETO AGAINST VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.

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